

AMENDED CLAIMS

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original claim 1 amended; claim 6 cancelled; remaining claims
unchanged but renumbered as claims 2-14 (2pages)]

1. A handle for attaching to a trigger operated hand tool wherein the handle includes:

- a shaft adapted so as to be attachable at one end thereof to the hand tool,
- a hand grip located at the other end of the shaft,
- a trigger activator positioned near the hand grip capable of being operatively connected to the trigger associated with the hand tool;

the handle characterised in that the hand grip is angled with respect to the longitudinal axis of the shaft to allow the handle to be easily gripped by a persons hand.

2. A handle as claimed in claim 1 wherein the trigger operated hand tool is motorised.
3. A handle as claimed in claim 1 wherein the trigger operated hand tool is a nail gun.
4. A handle as claimed in claim 1 wherein the length of the shaft is substantially 50cm to 70cm.
5. A handle as claimed in claim 1 wherein the shaft includes a clamp at one end thereof capable of holding a nail gun.
6. A handle as claimed in claim 1 wherein the trigger activator is in the form of a button or switch.

7. A handle as claimed in claim 1 wherein the trigger activator is in the form of a lever.
8. A handle as claimed in claim 7 wherein the trigger activator is electrically connected to the trigger mechanism of the hand tool.
9. A handle as claimed in claim 7 wherein the trigger activator is electrically connected to an electric device configured to be capable of operating the trigger associated with the hand tool.
10. A handle as claimed in claim 8 wherein one end of a cable is connected to the lever such that pivoting of the lever causes the relative length of the cable to increase or decrease to control activation of the trigger associated with the nail gun.
11. A handle as claimed in claim 11 wherein the cable is attached at its opposite end to a second lever which is pivoted via the relative shortening or lengthening of the cable, to control activation of the trigger.
12. A handle as claimed in claim 1 wherein the handle includes a second hand grip positioned on the shaft at a point intermediate the two ends of the shaft.
13. A handle as claimed in claim 13 wherein the second handle is adapted so that the position of the second handle on the shaft can be altered.
14. A handle substantially as described herein with reference to any example and/or drawing thereof.